

[Docket No.: SSA-2015-0017] (RIN: 0960-AH83) received June 2, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1736. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the "Biennial Report to Congress on the Food Safety and Food Defense Research Plan", pursuant to Sec. 110(g) of the FDA Food Safety and Modernization Act, Pub. L. 111-353; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Agriculture.

1737. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Evaluation of For-Profit PACE Programs" report, pursuant to Sec. 4804(b) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

1738. A letter from the Designated Federal Official, United States World War One Centennial Commission, transmitting the Commission's periodic report for the period ending March 31, 2015, pursuant to Pub. L. 112-272; jointly to the Committees on Financial Services, Natural Resources, and Oversight and Government Reform.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Pursuant to Sec. 2 of H. Res. 288, the following report was filed on June 5, 2015]

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2685. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-139). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted June 8, 2015]

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1214. A bill to amend the Small Tracts Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, to resolve minor encroachments, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 114-140, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GOODLATTE: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 889. A bill to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title (Rept. 114-141). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1214 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Mr. HECK of Nevada, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 2686. A bill to amend section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the visa waiver program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SWALWELL of California:

H.R. 2687. A bill to authorize an energy critical elements program, to amend the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

41. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to Senate Concurrent Memorial 1014, urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to refrain from reducing the ozone concentration standard; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

42. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Nevada, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, urging the Congress of the United States to enact legislation transferring title to certain public lands to the State of Nevada in accordance with the report prepared by the Nevada Land Management Task Force; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

43. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to Senate Concurrent Memorial 1003, urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to focus future Mexican Wolf introduction efforts on remote areas within the Northern Sierra Madre Occidental Mountain Range, to halt additional introductions of Mexican Wolves in Arizona and to shift the responsibility for the Mexican Wolf introduction to the Arizona Game and Fish Department; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

44. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to House Concurrent Memorial 2004, urging the United States Congress to enact legislation similar to the Mohave County Radiation Compensation Act of 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

45. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, relative to Senate Concurrent Memorial 1004, urging the Congress of the United States to pass H.R. 594; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN:

H.R. 2685.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law" In addition, clause I of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States" Together, these specific constitu-

tional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mr. QUIGLEY:

H.R. 2686.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SWALWELL of California:

H.R. 2687.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 167: Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 205: Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia.

H.R. 379: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 540: Mr. POLIS.

H.R. 563: Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 699: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 702: Mr. BRAT.

H.R. 766: Mr. NEUGEBAUER.

H.R. 932: Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 1019: Mr. COHEN, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, and Mr. CASTRO of Texas.

H.R. 1174: Mr. TONKO, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. JOYCE, and Mr. COLE.

H.R. 1197: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. POSEY, Ms. SCHAROWSKY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. FARR, Mr. EMMER of Minnesota, and Mr. DUFFY.

H.R. 1211: Ms. MOORE.

H.R. 1233: Mr. CARTER of Texas and Mr. HUELSKAMP.

H.R. 1234: Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia.

H.R. 1258: Mrs. NAPOLITANO and Mr. ABRAHAM.

H.R. 1282: Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 1309: Mr. FLORES, Mr. STEWART, and Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 1338: Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, and Mr. ISSA.

H.R. 1342: Mr. CHABOT, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 1384: Ms. PINGREE and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 1462: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Mr. WHITFIELD.

H.R. 1475: Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. TIBERI, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, and Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 1482: Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 1516: Mr. RIGELL and Mr. HULTGREN.

H.R. 1550: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia and Mr. LUCAS.

H.R. 1555: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi and Mr. TIPTON.

H.R. 1567: Mr. RUSH

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H.R. 1655: Mr. MARINO and Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 1660: Mr. YOUNG of Indiana.

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H.R. 1739: Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia and Mr. MILLER of Florida.

H.R. 1752: Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 1814: Mr. SARBANES, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. PINGREE, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 1817: Mr. REICHERT.

H.R. 1854: Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CLAY, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. ESHOO, and Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.